Failure of areca and paddy crops in Malnad areas and relief therefor.

Q.—194. Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Shimoga District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that both areca and paddy crops in Malnad areas in the State have failed to the extent of 50 per cent during the current year ;

(*b*) whether they have thought of giving any relief to the land-owners and the tenants in the said areas ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

(*a*) It has been reported that crops have been somewhat affected by scanty and delayed rains, but it is too early to assess the actual extent to which they have suffered.

(*b*) The question of giving relief where necessary will be considered after assessing the extent of damage caused.

Introduction of permit system for journeys to and from Pakistan.

Q.—208. Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN (Chikmagalur *cum* Shimoga —Muslim).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

when the permit system for going to Pakistan or returning from Pakistan to India was introduced ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

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Failure of crops in Mysore District and relief to the sufferers.

Q.—248. Sri D. M. SIDDIAH (Mysore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the failure of crops in the Mysore District ;

(*b*) what is the remedy that the Government are prepared to give to meet the situation ;

(*c*) whether they deem it very necessary to write off the land assessment in order to lessen the miseries of the people ;

(*d*) whether they are ready to start some famine relief works in the district ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

(*a*) Yes ; to some extent in Hunsur, Periyapatna and Chamarajnagar Taluks.

(*b*) and (*c*) The question of affording relief to raiyats in the affected areas in the State is under active consideration.

(*d*) A sum of Rs. 10 lakhs is sanctioned for relief works in the State.

Rural Indebtedness of the State.

Q.—255. Sri D. M. SIDDIAH (Mysore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the figure of the rural indebtedness of our people in the State ;

(*b*) the methods that they have adopted to lessen this burden ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

(*a*) About Rs. 23·55 crores.

(*b*) Provision of credit facilities through the Land Mortgage Bank and Rural Credit Societies.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The House will now adjourn for lunch for half an hour and then the Hon'ble Law Minister will make a statement on the General Elections in Mysore.

Request to change Procedure *re* : taking up Questions.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA (Shimoga District—General).—Sir, before the House adjourns, I would like to say a few words regarding the procedure of taking up questions. ಕಳೆದ ಮೂರು ದಿನಗಳ ಅನುಭವದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೋತ್ತರಗಳನ್ನು ಮುದ್ರಣಮಾಡಿ ಹಂಚಿರುವುದರಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ